

Agency 31 - Military Department

Statutory Authority:

1. Section 14, Article IV and Article XIV, Constitution of Nebraska provides for the Militia, its personnel, organization and discipline.
2. R.R.S. 55-101 through 55-180 (Military Code) provides regulations for the control, equipment organization and command of the Nebraska National Guard.
3. R.R.S. 55-201 through 55-218 (State Guard) provides the regulation for the operation of the Nebraska State Guard.
4. R.R.S. 81-829 (Emergency Management Act) provides for disaster and emergency management operations.

Vision Statement:

Coupled teams, intensively engaged at community, state, and national levels to better serve the citizens of Nebraska and the nation with:

- Every soldier as a recruiter
- Aggressive pursuit of new opportunities, while retaining our core
- Attention to returning service members
- Diversity at all levels of leadership
- Strong NEMA/community partnerships

Mission Statement:

Maintain the Nebraska National Guard (Army and Air) in a high state of readiness for missions and deployment in support of national security objectives and state emergencies with well trained personnel and ready equipment.

The principles of the Military Department include: recognition that the National Guard has a role in national defense and community recovery from disaster, dedication to leadership development, recognition that State government has a role in community all-hazard preparedness and recovery, commitment to the principle of equal employment opportunity, promotion of quality teamwork, assurance of support to the citizen soldier.

Maintain a State Disaster and Emergency Management program to reduce the vulnerability of the citizens and communities of the State in the event of a natural or man-made disaster or attack by coordinating the resources of Nebraska.

Goals:

1. Relevant and ready organizations.
2. Provide for response to natural and man-made emergencies.
3. Model equal opportunity throughout military and civilian services.
4. Secure employer support for the National Guard.
5. Optimize domestic and community involvement.
6. Manage all resources and facilities effectively.
7. Accentuate an improved quality of life.
8. Promote a drug-free community.
9. Adhere to principles and practices of sound environmental management.
10. Focus on a culture of safety and continuous improvement.

Financial Data:

	Actual FY06	Approp FY07	Request FY08	Recom FY08	Request FY09	Recom FY09
General Fund	4,387,494	5,358,123	5,046,538	5,098,376	5,104,523	4,719,177
Cash Fund	640,980	931,697	934,289	941,136	934,334	951,187
Federal Fund	39,149,832	17,090,313	17,194,385	17,347,985	17,216,514	17,533,653
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Agency	44,178,306	23,380,133	23,175,212	23,387,497	23,255,371	23,204,017

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Program 192 - Governor's Emergency Aid

Program Objectives:

The Governor's Emergency Fund is authorized under the provision of R.R.S. 81829.42 to assist with the unusual and extraordinary burdens imposed on the state and its political subdivisions by disasters, emergencies or homeland security emergencies. The primary purpose of the fund is to assist in restoring essential public services and associated costs for responding to disasters and emergencies. The fund is intended to be supplemental to local response and recovery efforts and is not the primary source of assistance. The fund can only be accessed through an emergency or disaster proclamation by the Governor. When approved, assistance from the fund is administered by the Adjutant General as State Emergency Management Director.

Financial Data:

	Actual FY06	Approp FY07	Request FY08	Recom FY08	Request FY09	Recom FY09
General Fund	591,763	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	500,000
Cash Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Fund	6,274,154	4,500,000	4,500,000	4,500,000	4,500,000	4,500,000
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	6,865,917	5,500,000	5,500,000	5,500,000	5,500,000	5,000,000

Performance Measures:

Performance of the Governor's Emergency Fund is measured by the level of service the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) is able to provide to the state and its local political subdivisions at the time of disasters or emergencies. NEMA must be able to complete damage assessments, establish disaster assistance centers, receive and process applications and claims, and integrate into the National Response Plan with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) if a Federal disaster declaration is received.

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Program 544 - National & State Guard

Program Objectives:

The Nebraska National Guard consists of over 3400 Army National Guard (ARNG) and 950 Air National Guard (ANG) service members. The National Guard Bureau (NGB) ultimately determines the missions and force structure elements assigned to the State. Current missions and force structure provide an excellent balance of appropriate missions for HLS needs and geographic dispersion. Nebraska must continue high levels of training, facility maintenance, recruiting, and retention to justify keeping the current force structure and equipment in the State.

Financial Data:

	Actual FY06	Approp FY07	Request FY08	Recom FY08	Request FY09	Recom FY09
General Fund	2,740,827	2,637,969	2,674,230	2,715,005	2,681,496	2,767,227
Cash Fund	303,469	461,154	461,113	463,202	461,158	465,266
Federal Fund	11,275,136	9,598,713	9,701,733	9,827,283	9,723,143	9,981,113
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	14,319,432	12,697,836	12,837,076	13,005,490	12,865,797	13,213,606

Performance Measures:

The performance of the Nebraska National Guard is measured by the organization and training of military forces to administer a comprehensive emergency management and homeland security program to ensure the safety and welfare of Nebraska residents and support national defense objectives as directed.

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Program 545 - Emergency Management

Program Objectives:

The state emergency management program supports the management and coordination of program responsibilities assigned to the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) by statute, regulation, policy or directives from federal/state authorized officials. As such, NEMA maintains the state emergency management program and homeland security program by designation as the State Administrative Agency by the Department of Homeland Security. This program is responsible for the development and implementation of emergency management/homeland security activities. Duties include, but are not limited to, administration, operations, communications, logistics, staffing, technical assistance, planning, training, exercising and the National Incident Management System.

Financial Data:

	Actual FY06	Approp FY07	Request FY08	Recom FY08	Request FY09	Recom FY09
General Fund	683,853	892,154	897,308	908,371	898,027	926,950
Cash Fund	337,511	470,543	473,176	477,934	473,176	485,921
Federal Fund	21,600,542	2,991,600	2,992,652	3,020,702	2,993,371	3,052,540
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	22,621,906	4,354,297	4,363,136	4,407,007	4,364,574	4,465,411

Performance Measures:

NEMA will establish effective state and local partnerships to enhance the four phases of emergency management within the state: mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery. Through agency programs, NEMA will provide for successful federal/state local partnerships to reduce the potential losses from natural disasters, emergencies and human caused events.

NEMA, as State Administrative Agency for homeland security, will institute and carry out federal/state programs that integrate and coordinate other state agencies, federal agencies and local political subdivisions into the programs and activities of the federal Department of Homeland Security.

Agency 31 - Military Department Program 548 - Tuition Assistance

Program Objectives:

The Tuition Assistance Program is the cornerstone of Nebraska's recruiting program. Without it, end strength levels could not be sustained resulting in units and equipment being moved to other states. The program must be competitive with programs in bordering states to motivate college age Nebraskans to attend school in Nebraska. The program not only supports recruiting, but also assists young Nebraskans achieve a higher level of education not always within their financial means and helps keep young people in Nebraska because of their National Guard commitment.

Financial Data:

	Actual FY06	Approp FY07	Request FY08	Recom FY08	Request FY09	Recom FY09
General Fund	371,051	828,000	475,000	475,000	525,000	525,000
Cash Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	371,051	828,000	475,000	475,000	525,000	525,000

Performance Measures:

The state Tuition Assistance Program provides 75 percent of state college tuition funds to eligible National Guard members. This program is vital to sustaining the excellent growth in personnel over the past five years. ARNG strength has grown by nearly 300. Higher strength levels have permitted dispersing military strength more broadly throughout the state which is useful when dealing with natural disasters and other emergencies. Recently, the ARNG has funded a federal tuition assistance program which is always used first. Consequently, state tuition needs have temporarily declined despite increased usage and increasing tuition rates.